STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2003 - 0014

REMANDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGION TO INCORPORATE A TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD FOR CHLORIDE IN THE UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER

WHEREAS:

1. The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) adopted a revised Basin Plan for the Los Angeles Region on June 13, 1994 which was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on November 17, 1994 and by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on February 23, 1995.

2. On October 24, 2002, the Regional Board adopted Resolution No. **R02-018** (Attachment 1) amending the Basin Plan to incorporate a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for chloride in the Upper Santa Clara River.

3. SWRCB finds that provisions of the amendment as adopted warranted minor clarification of the language of various provisions.

4. Regional Board Resolution No. R02-018 delegated to the Regional Board Executive Officer authority to make minor, non-substantive corrections to the adopted amendment if needed for clarity or consistency. The Regional Board Executive Officer has made the necessary **corrections to the amendment**.

5. Regional Board staff prepared documents and followed procedures satisfying environmental documentation requirements in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, scientific peer review, and other State laws and regulations.

6. SWRCB finds that the amendment as corrected does not adequately resolve issues regarding the appropriateness of the compliance time schedules for implementation tasks.

7. A Basin Plan amendment does not become effective until approved by SWRCB and until the regulatory provisions are approved by OAL.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SWRCB:

1. Remands the amendment to the Basin Plan to incorporate a TMDL for chloride for the Upper Santa Clara River as adopted under Regional Board Resolution No. **R02-018** as corrected by the Regional Board Executive Officer **(Attachment 2)**.

2. Directs the Regional Board to consider:

   (a) Expansion of the current phased-TMDL approach so that County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County can complete their implementation tasks by Regional Board-specified dates sequentially and within 13 years of the effective date of the TMDL. If advanced treatment facilities and disposal facilities are found to be necessary for compliance with the TMDL, the Regional Board may consider extending the implementation schedule as necessary to account for events beyond the control of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.

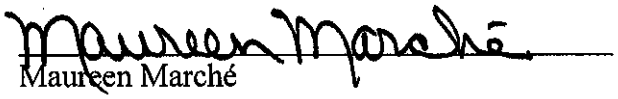
(b) Extension of the interim effluent limits beyond the currently proposed 2½ years so that these limits may remain in effect during the planning construction and execution portions of the TMDL's implementation tasks.

(c) Whether provision of a long-term alternate water supply to agricultural diverters of surface water by the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County would be appropriate; and consider re-evaluation of the agricultural water quality objective and the agricultural beneficial use designation if such alternate supply is provided. The reevaluation of the alternative water supply should consider re-examining and modifying the trigger and compliance schedule for providing the alternative water supply. The Regional Board's re-evaluation of the objective should consider accounting for the beneficial use(s) to be protected, the quality of the imported water supply to the Upper Santa Clara River watershed and the impacts of periods of drought or low rainfall.

(d) An integrated solution, which may be a single comprehensive TMDL, for all water quality pollutants in the Santa Clara River basin listed on the Clean Water Act section 303(d) list.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on February 19, 2003.



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